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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

(a) My residence and Citizenship are as stated below my name. My P.O. (mailing) address is the same as my residence unless otherwise stated.
 (b) I verily believe I am/we are the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter that is embraced by and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **LOW DENSITY ACOUSTIC FOAMS BASED ON BIOPOLYMERS** and the specification of which: is attached hereto (check one) was filed on February 10, 2004 as (62631). Application No. 10/776,648 and was amended on _____



I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

(d) I acknowledge my duty under 37 CFR 1.56 to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(b). If this application is a continuation-in-part application, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(b) that became available between the filing date of the prior application from which priority is claimed in part (f) below, and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.
 (e) I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any PCT international application that designated at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, and also identify below any other foreign equivalent application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below or § 365(a) of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Number | PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) Country or PCT | PRIORITY CLAIMED Day/Month/Year Filed | CERTIFIED COPIES INCL. <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional claims for benefit are attached. | | | |

(f) I hereby Claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below, or under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or under § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America listed below:

| US or PCT Appln. Serial No. | Filing Date | Status at Application Filing Date |
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I hereby appoint the attorney(s) and/or agent(s) at the following Customer No. to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all correspondence to The Dow Chemical Company's appointed counsel at:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENT AND INVENTOR'S DECLARATION
(WITH PRIORITY RIGHTS)

we verily believe I am/we are the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is embraced by and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

LOW DENSITY ACOUSTIC FOAMS BASED ON BIOPOLYMERS

which invention was made and invented by me/us out of and in the course of my/our employment with my/our respective employers as stated below my/our name(s). I/we acknowledge that I/we, by virtue of my/our employee agreement(s) and contractual agreement(s) between our employer(s) and Dow Global Technologies Inc., hold the invention and all patent and other rights and powers obtainable or exercisable in respect thereof in trust for Dow Global Technologies Inc. As trustee(s), and for good and valuable consideration and/or the remuneration received for my/our work from my/our employer, I/we sell, assign and transfer unto:

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a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of DELAWARE, U.S.A. (hereinafter referred to as the "Assignee"); my/our entire right, title and interest throughout the world, in and to the invention and all rights and powers to make applications, including provisional applications when permitted by law, for Letters Patent in its own name, or in the name of its designee (or nominee(s)); and all rights and powers to file any corresponding or equivalent applications in any and all countries, including all rights to claim priority under all United States domestic laws, International Convention(s) and Treaties in the name of Assignee, and do hereby authorize Assignee or its designee to insert here the

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of the application, on which the claim for priority will be based; and in and to any Letters Patent that may be issued for the invention in any and all countries. I/we do hereby agree to assist Assignee in the prosecution of the application(s) and in any interference, conflict, opposition or litigation which may arise involving the invention or the patent or patents thereon, and to execute for any and all countries any document relating to applications derived from, corresponding to or equivalent to the above identified application as Assignee may request; and I/we do hereby authorize Assignee or its designee (or nominee(s)) to insert here any corresponding equivalent

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Subscribed and Declared by me/us:

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